(c) The flyovers under construction were assigned higher priority by State Government.

Amount for Orissa under CRF

5094. MS.PRAMILABOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa has submitted a proposal amounting to Rs. 12665.03 lakhs for 2002-03 and 2003-04 under the Central Road Fund for construction of bridges and improvement of roads *vide* their letter No. CAP-3/2000(Pt.)/315/W. dated 18th February, 2003; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal and by when the funds would be sanctioned for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURT]: (a) Yes, Sir, 0b) The proposal had been returned, as the Bank of Sanctions (BOS) is more than the ceiling limit.

Accident ratio

†5095. SHRILAJPATRAI:

SHRI RAJIVRANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accident ratio per one thousand vehicles in the country is 120 while in developed countries it is only 10;

(b) if not, Government's estimate in this regard;

(c) whether Government have contemplated to control the increasing number of vehicles to avoid these accidents; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURTJ: (a) and (b) As per information available, the number of road accidents per one thousand vehicles in the country for the year 1998,1999 and 2000 is 9.31, 8.61 and 8.09 (Provisional) respectively. Corresponding details for developed countries are not maintained by this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Accidents can be controlled by Engineering, Educational and Enforcement measures. The engineering measures are taken by Central

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Government. The educational measures are taken by both Central and State Governments. The enforcement of Motor Vehicle regulations is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Measures taken by Central Government are:

(1) Provision of refresher training to drivers of heavy motor vehicles.
(2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
(3) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administoring road safety programmes.
(4) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.
(5) Institution of National Award for voluntary organisations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
(6) Organising All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.
(7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.
(8) Widening/improvement of roads, etc.

Removal of quantitative restrictions

5096. SHRISURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the role of Small Scale Industries reservations in the backdrop of the removal of quantitative restrictions;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to safeguard the interests of Small Scale Industries?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The role of Small Scale Industries (SSIs) reservation in the backdrop of removal of Quantitative Restrictions (QRs) is constantly being assessed/ monitored by the Government. While the removal of QRs on imports has implied greater integration of the Indian economy with the world, it is necessary that in the transition period employment, balanced regional growth and utilization of local resources by local entrepreneurs is promoted through support to SSIs. This is sought to be achieved through the policies and programmes for the Sector including the policy of reservation for exclusive manufacture in this sector.

(c) To safeguard the interest of the Small Scale Industries, Government has already announced a Comprehensive Policy Package for SSIs on 30th August, 2000 in order to strengthen the SSI sector and enhance its competitiveness both